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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED AUGUST 1
FROM WILLIAM BROWN TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET:

2. QUOTE: DEAR YURIY: I REFER TO MY CABLED MESSAGE OF JULY
29 REQUESTING THAT YOU FACILITATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT
OF DR. OUTCALT TO THE COMPUTER CENTER AT YAKUTSK AUGUST
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3. ON AUGUST 1 THE SOVIET EMBASSY REFUSED DR. OUTCALT'S

VISA APPLICATION AND THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW HAS INFORMED ME THAT PROCEDURAL DIFFICULTIES HAVE ARISEN WITH THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, WHICH HAS STATED THAT DR. MELNIKOV IS NOT PREPARED TO RECEIVE DR. OUTCALT IN AUGUST.

4. I MUST EXPRESS OUR DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT AT THIS UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT. TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY, IN HIS OCTOBER 10, 1974 REPLY TO THE AUGUST 23 LETTER OF DR. DILLON OF THE US NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, DR. MELNIKOV WELCOMED THE PROPOSAL FOR A VISIT BY DR. OUTCALT (AND ONE OTHER COLLEAGUE) IN AUGUST 1975 UNDER EITHER THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT OR THE US-USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AGREEMENT. DR. MELNIKOV PROPOSED THAT DURING THIS AUGUST 1975 VISIT BY DR. OUTCALT A PROGRAM OF JOINT COOPERATION BE DEVELOPED. IN THE DECEMBER 12, 1974 MEMORANDUM OF OUR JOINT COMMITTEE, IT IS SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT THIS VISIT WOULD TAKE PLACE IN AUGUST AND NO FURTHER CONDITIONS WERE ATTACHED. FURTHER, IN HIS JULY 24 TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH DR. SKOOG, DR. MELNIKOV REITERATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO RECEIVE DR. OUTCALT IN AUGUST. FINALLY, THE SOVIET EMBASSY HAD INFORMED US THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO ISSUE HIS VISA ON AUGUST 1. ON THE BASIS OF THESE UNDERTAKINGS, DR. OUTCALT ARRANGED HIS SCHEDULE SO AS TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION AUGUST 5-22, FOLLOWING WHICH HE MUST RETURN TO THE USA TO FULFILL OTHER COMMITMENTS THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF 1975.

5. OUR EMBASSY INFORMS ME THAT THE USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES NOW PROPOSES TO POSTPONE DR. OUTCALT'S VISIT PENDING RECEIPT OF AN OUTLINED PROPOSAL FOR JOINT COOPERATION FROM THE US NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. THAT OUTLINED PROPOSAL WAS SENT TO DR. MELNIKOV UNDER COVER OF THE AUGUST 23, 1974 LETTER FROM DR. DILLON AND THE US NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES HAS AGAIN CONFIRMED TO ME ITS SUPPORT FOR THIS PROPOSED COOPERATIVE ACTIVITY UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT.

6. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE STATED, I AGAIN URGE YOU TO FACILITATE THE ISSUANCE OF A VISA TO DR. OUTCALT SO THAT HE MAY NOW VISIT THE USSR DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 7-22, DEVELOP A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION WITH DR. MELNIKOV, AND FULFILL THE UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMITMENT OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM. SINCERELY YOURS, WILLIAM A. BROWN. END QUOTE. INGERSOLL

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